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Hall of Fame Ceremony  
Susan B. Anthony and Thomas Paine  
May 18, 1952  
HTH Remarks of Welcome

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Chancellor Henry T. Heald*

On behalf of New York University, I should like to welcome all of you to this ceremony to dedicate permanent bronze busts in memory of two illustrious Americans - Susan B. Anthony and Thomas Paine.

The University serves as custodian of the Hall of Fame for Great Americans. It was more than fifty years ago that the late Helen Gould provided funds to make possible the idea of the Hall of Fame conceived by one of my predecessors, Chancellor McCracken.

Today we are adding the 79th and 80th bronzes of Americans famous throughout the world for their outstanding achievement in helping our nation to reach its present position of prominence in the family of nations.

Thousands of Americans and many visitors from foreign lands come here each year to view these works of art, fashioned by America's foremost sculptors, and to pay homage to the great Americans they portray.

The lives of these men and women exemplify the spirit of a free democratic nation, and the University is proud to maintain the Hall of Fame as a national trust. It serves as a source of patriotic inspiration and as a reminder of the unlimited opportunities offered by the American way of life.

All of the bronzes have been made possible by voluntary contributions from the public. We are pleased, of course, that the response has been generous over the years to this concept of permanent tangible recognition of individuals who have meant so much to our nation's growth and progress.

I want to extend a special welcome to our distinguished guests from other nations, the official representatives from Cuba, France, Indonesia, Lebanon, Pakistan, Spain, and Yugoslavia; to the representatives of our own government; to the members of the College of Electors of the Hall of Fame who are with us today; to the representatives of other universities and colleges; to the noted physicians, scientists, and jurists who are among our guests; and to members of the University family and visitors from all walks of life who join with us in paying special tribute to Susan B. Anthony and Thomas Paine.